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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th, 28th, 34th and 46th meetings, on 10 and 12 November and 1 and 22 December 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.26, 28, 34 and 46).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.5/51/L.15

3. At its 46th meeting, on 22 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Action taken on certain items" (A/C.5/52/L.15), which had been submitted by the Chairman.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/52/L.15 without a vote (see para. 7, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/52/L.16

5. At its 46th meeting, on 22 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998" (A/C.5/52/L.16), which had been submitted by the Chairman.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/52/L.16 without a vote (see para. 7, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Action taken on certain items

The General Assembly decides that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items and relevant reports at its resumed fifty-second session:

- Item 113: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors;
- Item 114: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;
- Item 116: Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;
- Item 117: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations;
- Item 118: Joint Inspection Unit;
- Item 119: Pattern of conferences;
- Item 122: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:
 - (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;
 - (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon;
- Item 123: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;
- Item 124: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

- Item 125: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;
- Item 126: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;
- Item 127: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters;
- Item 128: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;
- Item 129: Financing of the liquidation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;
- Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus;
- Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia;
- Item 132: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti;
- Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;
- Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;
- Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan;
- Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium;
- Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force;
- Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti;
- Item 142: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;
- Item 143: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;
- Item 153: Human resources management;
- Item 154: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala;
- Item 159: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola;

Item 17 (g): Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

DRAFT DECISION II

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee
for 1998-1999

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approves the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1998-1999, annexed hereto.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee
for 1998-1999

A. Programme of work for 1998

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999
4. Programme planning
5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
7. Pattern of conferences
8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
9. Human resources management
10. United Nations common system
11. United Nations pension system
12. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
13. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

14. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
15. Report of the Economic and Social Council
16. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. Programme of work for 1999

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001
5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Joint Inspection Unit
7. Pattern of conferences
8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
9. United Nations common system
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